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Dear Parent/Carer

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We have made it to the end of week 2 of this term in a week where the world has taken a dangerous turn for the worse. As if a pandemic wasn't enough, we have seen the beginning of a war in Europe for the first time in my lifetime.

Covid-19

Over the coming weeks you may see the Covid section of my letter disappear as we approach Easter and final restrictions are removed. From 24 March, schools and academies are no longer obliged to provide remote learning online under the government's continuity direction. We will adhere to this as the flavour of DfE communication is firmly steering towards youngsters being expected to attend school now that attendance is mandatory. In addition, we should see all restrictions removed from 1 April. If anything changes I will keep you informed. On a final Covid note, we saw our official figures drop to zero infections amongst the student body this week although I still have some staff affected.

Year 9 options

Our options blocks have been revised a little in an attempt to accommodate final tweaks and changes from youngsters. This should affect very few, if any, students but are now published on our website. Mr Ward and his team will be in touch if there are any issues but, as I write, the process is moving along well and we should be able to confirm choices prior to the Easter break.

Year 8 parents' evening – 16 March 2022

This is coming up week after next. Mr Kirk will be publishing details next week in relation to booking appointments. We are exploring new software for parents' evenings and online meetings given parental preference to remain online and will be in touch with plans in due course.

National Careers Week next week

As a Platinum CareerMark school, we could not let National Careers Week pass by without celebrating this. Mrs Mather, our Director of Careers and Work-related Learning, has prepared

a week of activities for our students which she updated me on yesterday. I also look forward to and recommend the many 'come and try it' sessions we are offering at lunchtimes next week (please see attached programme). I will also be leading a cricket session next Friday for all who wish to play, receive some coaching and talk about the skills coaches employ to support players and participants in their development. Please ask your child to keep a look out next week for the many options available.

With this letter I enclose a parent guide for next week, prepared nationally, so that you may see what is available for youngsters to experience.

ParentPay changes

Up until now, we have operated an 'overdraft' system on ParentPay up to £3. This is no longer possible due to the amount of monies owed which, being public money, I am obliged to reclaim. From Monday, ParentPay will move to a zero balance position. If you have not yet set up your notifications on ParentPay to notify you when your child's balance is low (we recommend £2) please be good enough to do so. Throughout the pandemic we have supported our families as much as possible and will see no child go unfed. Your support with this is appreciated.

Year 6 transition for September 2022 entry to Year 7

This week saw national offer day for Year 6 pupils moving into Year 7. Mr Adlington and his transition team are hard at work already preparing our approach and he will write to all families very soon.

Raffle

You may remember the wonderful work of our Community Action Group who, last year, raised funds to create hampers for three care homes in Lincoln. This project was incredibly well received. It is our aim, to increase the impact we can have on our local community.

This year, the Community Action Group aim to raise funds to provide seven local care homes with these hampers during the summer term.

As part of our fundraising efforts this half term, we will be holding a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses, parents and staff in our school. Please find below a list of our current prizes. Information will also be posted on our school Instagram page.

- 2 x £20 vouchers for Coffee Culture
- 1 x £20 voucher for the Forum Quality Meats
- 1 x hair box from Body Bliss Hair Salon
- A collection of toys from The Kidz Cave
- A free photoshoot and 8x10 photograph by Capture the Moments



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- 1 x £20 voucher for The Beauty Bar by Stacey Allis
- 1 x homemade bracelet set from Bespoke.by.b
- 1 x voucher for a facial from The Beauty Boutique in Welton
- 1 x Desert box from Choccy Box
- 2 x tickets for the 2pm show of Fight Factory Wrestling on 2nd April (family friendly)
- 1 x hand-tied bouquet from Pretty Pinks Floristry
- 1 x £20 voucher for Brooks butchers in Birchwood
- 1 x HD brows voucher from Microblading by Aimee Furneaux
- Sleepover package for two from Little Dreamers Sleepovers
- 6 inch drip cake decorated with chocolate of winner's choice (up to 3 varieties) from The Back Garden Bakery
- A collection of Artemis Fowl books
- 1 x free full reflexology session worth £45 with Lisa's Body and Sole Clinic
- 2 X children's educational toys donated from the Technology department
- 1 x t-shirt, 1x beanie, 1x badge pack, 1x art print and 1x £30 gift voucher from The Iron & Pin Custom Tattoo Co

Raffle tickets will be £1 each and can be purchased online using Parent Pay or students will be able to purchase them on your behalf from student reception. Tickets will be available throughout the term with the draw taking place before we break up for Easter.

Our student team would very much appreciate your support in this venture. If you would like to donate prizes or perhaps have a connection with a local business that may wish to donate, please contact the Academy via email enquiries@SRPA.co.uk.

Prom Wardrobe

The Year 11 Prom is an important milestone for our students, particularly after the upheaval of the last two years. It is a memorable event in which we celebrate their achievements before they leave this phase of their education.

At SRPA, we have worked extremely hard to make the prom as affordable as possible to give everyone the opportunity to attend. One of the costs involved is often buying a suit or dress for the first time, which is why Mrs Hought and Miss Taylor are leading the 'Prom Wardrobe' initiative.

This initiative means that students can borrow the clothing for prom for no cost and it can be used for students in following years as well. This would not be possible without generous donations and we know the students would be so grateful if parents of all years at the Academy are able to contribute.



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We hope to source suits, prom dresses and shoes in various sizes, and accessories such as bow ties, hair clips and bags. If you have anything suitable that is in good condition, please contact enquiries@srpa.co.uk to arrange dropping the items off.

Although the Year 11 prom will not be taking place until the summer term, we want our students to have the time to prepare and the peace of mind that they have their suit or dress prepared before they take their examinations in the summer. Thank you in advance for your support with this initiative.

Ukraine

This week we have taken decisive action to ensure that our academy is protected from any consequence of the invasion of Ukraine. I have called for all R2L tutors to meet each and every child with a parent in the military for a check-in in case of deployment, we have led tutor activities using DfE approved resources and have conducted a length and breadth deep dive security review of our website and wider IT systems. We have also agreed to be a drop off point for any goods such as tinned foods, medical supplies, blankets and baby products which will be transported to the Ukraine via the Polish School in Lincoln. If you wish to donate, please send items via main or student reception. Finally, we are adding an item to ParentPay for voluntary donations to the British Red Cross in order to support this charity organisation who are already working in the area. We know that this situation is evolving and unsettling our families. We will continue to support where we can moving forwards.

With such hideous examples of behaviour and atrocity showing their hand in the news at the moment I leave you with my usual weekly quote, this week from Leo Tolstoy, who said in War and Peace “The strongest of all warriors are these – Time and Patience.”

Let us hope for more pleasant times ahead.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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